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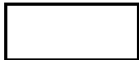
Bill,

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Attached for your information is a letter from DIA turning down my informal approach to consolidate all biographics in our Central Reference Service.

I don't intend taking another initiative on this matter until we have had a chance to discuss it with Schlesinger.

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Ed Proctor

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Dr. Edward W. Proctor
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Dear Ed,

I had my staff look into your proposal for transferring the responsibility for military biographics from DIA to CIA. They presented to me several valid reasons for either accepting or rejecting the proposal. After consideration of these reasons and recognizing the attractiveness of the proposal from a resource viewpoint, the importance of the interrelationship of military biographics with our primary military capabilities responsibilities of order of battle, doctrine, plans, etc. confirmed my initial reaction that DIA should continue to be responsible for military biographics.

Findings of my staff supported your observation that our inadequate production of biographic sketches for the Biographic Handbooks has affected, on occasion, our responsiveness to CIA requirements. I have taken actions to augment the resources applied to the production of biographic sketches for the Biographic Handbooks and to improve our collection effort.

The findings also support my belief that the close collaborative efforts by CIA and DIA biographic analysts in the past must be encouraged and expanded in this period of reduced resources to assure adequate responsiveness to our consumers.

Sincerely,

V. P. de POIX
Vice Admiral, USN
Director